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## Letter from Virginia.

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he lamentation of the north at the defeat of their arms at and that an advance on Rich- point would not be attempted as a "single rebel battery re- ce their passage," led many of the campaign for the winter that peace and quiet would spring. It would seem, how- orders recently issued by our e preparations that are being uly attack from the enemy is itations say that the object of make a feint movement at this r attention from the Carolina tent reasons I will not state in ception has been made for it, General Lee, and others are l whatever place he may select e will meet with a stubborn re-

results of the western army's ber, has inspired the men of ginia with much confidence in ompete with the enemy. Since /an Dorn, at Corinth, a great has been manifested for the estern army; and when the in- ed us of its retirement from nany hearts were despondent, safety were entertained. Now ived a fruitful victory, an early ace is looked for.

sburg, the "Gibraltar of the ed by the Yankees, is not only y-Mississippian, but of every ain has she baffled the efforts of made him make a hurried exit . That many of her citizens on the charities of friends: temple of this army to the suf- icksburg be worthy of imi- f the army of Mississippi?

IMACY—An abolitionist pria- t Libby yesterday, says that much annoyed at the intimacy which exists among the op- the two armies on the oppo- Rappahannock, and is fearful ill prove, if allowed to con- d to the interests of the a it tends to convince them ting devils, as they have been . The pickets, the prisoner lashed a regular ferry commu- re to shore, which is kept up minature boats made of tin oated across when the winds e of a little piece of canvase l. In this way coffee, tobacco

## List of Casualties

In the 27th Mississippi Regiment in the Battles of the 28th and 31st of Dec., 1862, near Murfreesboro', Tenn.

Field and Staff—Killed: Lieut-Col Jas L. Autry. Wounded: Col T. M. Jones, slightly; Captain E. R. Nelson, Acting Major, severely.

Company A, Lieut Wm M. Hannah commanding. Killed: Sergt P. C. Bridges. Wounded: Private Wm Johnson. J. W. Christopher, slightly.

Company B, Captain A. McLenore, commanding. Wounded: Lieut S. M. Peeg, Sergt J. T. Rawls, Corp L. F. Pittman, seriously; Private Wm. Paine, seriously, (arm amputated); Privates A. J. Valentine, J. W. Robertson, severely; J. M. Pittman, J. C. West, slightly.

Company C, Captain A. J. Jones, commanding.—Wounded: Privates E. Wheatley, J. W. Mitchell, seriously; J. H. Calder, slightly.

Company D, Lieut P. P. Brown, commanding.—Killed: Privates E. M. Boss, Jas. Garner. Wounded: Orderly Sergt J. E. Noel; Privates Jas. Fowler, G. B. Arndale, J. A. Bell, slightly.

Company E, Lieut M. E. Edwards, commanding. Killed: Lieut M. E. Edwards, Privates W. B. Cato, G. D. Ammons. Wounded: Sergt M. Allen, slightly; Corp L. M. Nash, Privates J. A. Cato, J. M. Jordan, W. E. Cook, E. A. West, R. K. Morris, B. F. Blackman, seriously; H. D. Freeland, S. B. Blackman, Thos. Bell, slightly.

Company F, Captain J. R. Baugh, commanding. Killed: Private John Walker. Wounded: Sergt W. W. Hathorne, Private W. J. Ballock, seriously; L. B. McGrew, slightly.

Company G, Lieutenant J. S. Byrd, commanding. Wounded: Sergt P. H. Fairley, slightly; Corp'l Jas. Batson, Privates J. R. Riggs, H. Pitts, seriously; J. W. Sumral, C. R. Wheeler, J. W. Welday, O. C. Reeves, T. McCordle, J. M. B. Jones, Jas. Arnold, B. F. Garaway, G. S. Granghan, slightly.

Company H, Lieut E. W. Stanford, commanding. Wounded: Privates Jas. Tucker, seriously; J. H. G. McCormack, slightly; Wayne Blackwell, slightly. Missing: Private J. A. Wheeler, supposed killed.

Company I, Captain A. J. Harris, commanding. Wounded: Corporal A. J. Wolverton, seriously; Privates G. W. Warrick, T. C. Hancock, slightly; J. J. Hyde, slightly; J. Mowday, seriously; J. H. Bailey, slightly.

Company K, Lieut W. H. Sanders, commanding.—Killed: Private Wm. Halls, D. A. Cosley. Wounded: Privates H. B. Bradford, J. B. Townsend, A. McMillen, A. W. Watson, leg amputated—seriously; R. E. Hill, P. B. Hunter, B. H. B. oth, J. G. Trueland, slightly.

Company L, Captain H. B. Griffin, commanding.—Killed: Orderly Sergt A. Baptiste. Wounded: Lt S. M. Johnson, slightly; Corp'l A. Vaughan seriously; Privates L. Dupont, J. Krebs, T. Ellis, N. H. Sannichson, C. Cornea, F. Greenohe, J. McL. McInnis, slightly.

Total—Killed, 11; wounded, 74. Aggregate, 85.

The friends of the gallant Col. Posey, of the 16th Mississippi regiment, will be glad to learn of his promotion to Brigadier-General. It is a sincere regret to all in this brigade that he has been separated from us. We were hopeful of his receiving the command of this brigade in the event of the promotion of the brave Gen. Featherston. He leaves for Mississippi in a few days, where he has been assigned to duty.

I regret to say I have been informed that while on picket duty, three privates of the 2d Mississippi battalion deserted to the enemy.

## Is this a Time to Dance?

The breath of evening weeps the plain,  
And sheds its perfume in the dell,  
But on its wings are sounds of rain,  
Sad tones that drown the echo's fell;  
And yet we hear a mournful cry,  
Fair pleasure smiles with beaming glance,  
Gay music sounds in the joyous hall;  
Oh God! is this a time to dance?

Sad notes as if a spirit sighed,  
Float from the crimson battle plain,  
As if a mighty spirit cried  
In awful agony and pain,  
Our friends we know there suffering lay,  
Our brothers too, perchance,  
And in reproachful accents say,  
Loved ones, is this a time to dance?

Oh lift your festal robes on high!  
The human gore that flows around  
Will stain the robes with crimson dye;  
And louder let your music sound  
To drown the dying warrior's cry!  
Let sparkling wine your joy enhance,  
Forget that blood has tinged its dye,  
And quicker urge the madd'ning dance.

But stop! the floor beneath your feet  
Gives back a coffin's hollow moan,  
And every strain of music sweet,  
Wails forth a dying soldier's groan.  
Oh sisters! who have brother's dear,  
Exposed to every battle's chance,  
Brings dark Remorse no forms of fear,  
To fright you from the heartless dance?

Go fling your festal robes away!  
Go don the mourner's sable veil!  
Go bow before your God and pray!  
If yet your prayers may aught avail.  
Go face the fearful form of Death!  
And trembling meet his chilling glance,  
And then, for once, with truthful breath  
Answer, *Is this a time to dance?*

EXCHANGE NOTICE No. 4—Richmond, Va., Jan. 10.—The following officers and men have been exchanged, and are hereby so declared:

1. All officers and men captured in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina, up to Dec. 10, 1862.

2. All officers and men captured in Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona, Arkansas and Louisiana, up to January 1st, 1863.

3. The two foregoing sections apply not only to officers and men of the Confederate service, but to all persons captured in arms or hostile array against the United States, whatever may have been the character of the military organizations to which they were attached, and whatever may have been the terms of the paroles given by them. If any are in Federal prisons, they are to be immediately released and delivered to the Confederate authorities.

5. All Confederate officers and men who have been delivered at City Point, up to January 6, 1863.

6. All Confederate officers and men who have been delivered at Vicksburg, up to Dec. 23d, 1862.